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SUBJECT: TOKYO MEDIA REACTION - THAILAND

¶1. LEAD STORIES: All papers gave top play on Friday morning to the growing likelihood that four candidates will run in the LDP presidential election on September ¶22.

¶2. "Turmoil in Thailand a Loss for All of Asia" The liberal Asahi editorialized (9/5): "The political situation in Thailand remains in disarray, with no breakthrough in sight.... Although the state of emergency gives the military the authority to restore public order, there are as yet no signs that it will use force against the protesters or move against the government. The military should remain calm, as further bloodshed must be avoided at any cost. Thailand is one of the core members of ASEAN. ASEAN is trying to contribute to the development of Asia by gradually taking steps toward a regional community and concluding economic partnership agreements with Japan and other nations.... We hope that Thailand will use the current crisis to push its democracy into a new stage."

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